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SUBJECT: POLITICAL ITEMS ON 97 EXBD AGENDA: ITEMS

9.2 TO 9.5.

1. ARISING FROM PREVIOUS BOARD OR GENERAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS, THIS BOARD SESSION AGENDA HAS ITEMS WHICH ARE OF POTENTIAL POLITICAL SENSITIVITY TO U.S. IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE THESE ARE: A REPORT ON THE EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SITUATION OF "POPULATIONS IN THE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES", CONTINUING FOCUS ON "THE STATE OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE, CULTURE AND INFORMATION ON CHILE", AND A REPORT ON FURTHER ASSOCIATION OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF AFRICAN MOVEMENTS (ALM'S) WITH ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION. LATTER DEALT WITH IN SEPARATE PERMDEL CABLE ON OTHER AGENDA ITEMS AS THIS NOT EXPECTED TO PROVOKE CONTROVERSY.

2. OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES: DEPT. IS REFERRED TO 18 GC/RES. 13 WHICH (A) PREMISED ON VIEW THAT POPULA-
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TIONS OF OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES ARE "NOT ENJOYING

THEIR INALIENABLE AND INVOLABLE RIGHTS TO NATIONAL EDUCATION AND CULTURAL LIFE: (B) CALLS UPON THE DIRECTOR GENERAL TO "EXERCISE FULL SUPERVISION OF THE OPERATION OF EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS" IN THESE TERRITORIES AND TO COOPERATE WITH ARAB STATES CONCERNED AND PLO TO END OF PROVIDING THESE PEOPLES WITH "EVERY MEANS OF ENJOYING THEIR RIGHTS TO EDUCATION AND CULTURE", (C) "APPEALS" TO ISRAEL TO REFRAIN FROM INJURING THE EXERCISE OF SUCH RIGHTS, AND (D) INVITES DIRECTOR GENERAL TO REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD "ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS RESOLUTION."

3. AS DEPT. WILL RECALL, REPORT TO 18TH GENCON (18GC DOCUMENT 18C/16) DID NOT DEMONSTRATE CLEARLY THAT PEOPLES OF OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES WERE IN FACT DENIED EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS. FURTHER, HIGHEST SECRETARIAT LEVEL AND CHAIRMAN OF EXBD ENDEAVORING TO REMOVE THIS ITEM FROM THIS BOARD AGENDA, OR ACHIEVE SAME EFFECT BY DEFERRING UNTIL LATER BOARD SESSION BECAUSE OF THIS ISSUE'S POLITICAL SENSITIVITY. SECRETARIAT IS WELL AWARE OF POSSIBILITY OF STILL ANOTHER ANTI-ISRAEL CAUSE CELEBRE WITH ATTENDANT MEDIA PUBLICITY THAT WOULD FURTHER DAMAGE UNESCO'S IMAGE.

4. HOWEVER, ARAB AGREEMENT OBVIOUSLY CRUCIAL TO AVOIDING CONFRONTATION. IN VIEW SHORT TIME SINCE 18GC, THERE IS IN FACT NOTHING FURTHER DG CAN REPORT ON OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND THIS MAY BE MOST CONVINCING ARGUMENT FOR DEFERRING SUBSTANTIVE CONSIDERATION OF THIS ISSUE UNTIL FUTURE BOARD SESSION. NEVERTHELESS, ANY INCIDENT ARISING BETWEEN NOW AND BOARD SESSION OR, IF ARABS SO INCLINED, ANY PAST INCIDENT COULD SPARK INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION CONDEMNING GOI. AT PRESENT, PERMDEL WOULD SUGGEST THAT US (A) SUPPORT ANY MOVE TO DEFER ISSUE, BUT (B) IF RESOLUTION CONDEMNATORY OF ISREAL INTRODUCED, US SHOULD OPPOSE FIRMLY ON GROUNDS THAT CHARGES AGAINST GOI CANNOT BE PROVEN IN PREVIOUS REPORT OR (C) THAT IF A MORE RECENT INCIDENT IT CANNOT BE DECIDED UPON BY EXECUTIVE BOARD BECAUSE BOARD NOT EQUIPPED OR INTENDED TO ACT AS TRIBUNAL OF INQUIRY.
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5. CHILEAN ISSUE: ANNOTATED 97 EXBD AGENDA LISTS PREVIOUS BOARD DECISIONS BEARING ON CHILE, BEGINNING WITH 93RD EXBD THAT SOVIETS HAVE INITIATED TO CRITICIZE ALLEGED GOC MISDEEDS IN AREAS OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND CULTURE. APPARENTLY MOVING TO THE OFFENSIVE, CHILEAN BOARD MEMBER TOOK INITIATIVE TO INSCRIBE ITEM 9.3 TO RESPOND TO AND PROTEST ALLEGATIONS MADE AGAINST

CHILE. PERMDEL AT 95TH EXBD INSTRUCTED ABSTAIN IN
VOTE ON RESOLUTION MILDLY CONDEMNATORY OF GOC, AND
WHICH CALLED FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF CHILEAN
SITUATION ON GROUNDS THAT BOARD NOT EQUIPPED TO ES-
TABLISH OBJECTIVELY THE FACTS OF THE SITUATION IN CHILE.

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6. CONTENTS OF DG REPORT ON EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND
CULTURE IN CHILE (ITEM 9.2) WHICH WILL BE BASED ON
DG'S REPRESENTATIVE CURRENT VISIT TO CHILE, HAS NOT
YET BEEN SEEN BY PERMDEL, BUT PRESUMABLY WILL CONTAIN
AT LEAST SOME ELEMENTS THAT SOVIETS COULD SEIZE UPON TO
INITIATE A CONDEMNATORY RESOLUTION. ALTERNATIVELY,
SOVIETS MAY MANAGE TO PUSH THROUGH SOMETHING CRITICAL
OF GOC DURING MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON CONVENTIONS AND
RECOMMENDATIONS IN EDUCATION, WHICH MEETS SHORTLY
BEFORE THIS BOARD SESSION, THAT THEY COULD PARLAY INTO
A BASIS FOR RESOLUTION FURTHER ATTACKING CHILEANS AT
BOARD SESSION. PERMDEL WOULD SUGGEST THAT US TAKE

ABSTENTION STANCE WITH EXPLANATION THAT US BELIEVES
EXBD NOT THE PROPER FORUM FOR SUCH ISSUES AS PER US
POSITION AT 95TH EXBD.

7. GENERAL COMMENT: IT IS CLEAR THAT NEW DG AND
CHAIRMAN EXBD SEEKING REDUCE POLITICAL ISSUES BEFORE
BOARD. BOARD HAS 20 NEW MEMBERS, NOTABLE AMONG THEM
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CUBA, UGANDA AND SYRIA. THE DEGREE TO WHICH US
POSITION VIS-A-VIS PAYMENT OUR CONTRIBUTION WILL BE
DISCUSSED IS UNCLEAR. IT IS CERTAIN THAT SECRETARIATE
WILL SEEK TO AVOID POLITIZATION OF THIS ISSUE. HOWEVER,
SOVIET BLOC AND OTHER MILITANT NON-ALIGNED MAY FIND
OPPORTUNITY TOO TEMPTING TO PASS UP.

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